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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter because of my expressed interest of putting this matter behind us. We need to move forward and get beyond this point. It is a lingering process that is not in the best interest of the people, the industry or the economy of our great state of Washington.

I believe the settlement is a reasonable solution to this ongoing litigation process. Microsoft will, under this settlement, share information with its competitors that will enable them to place their own programs on the Windows operating system. In addition to the federal government, I would also like to see the other individual nine states that are still pressing this case settle at the state level.

The settlement is an important one and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my opinions.

Sincerely,


Arvid Portin